

Patient Issues

Who is the Patient?

Within some populations, the provider/patient relationship is an isolated one-on-one proposition.

Within Indian Country, one will find that a patient is also an immediate family member, a member of an extended family group, then a reservation community and then a Tribe. Because marriage between cousins historically is taboo within Indian Country, most younger people now marry outside their "home tribe", extending relationships outside the state and Nevada tribal groups.

Many conditions must be treated in this fashion; without consideration of the whole, the individual prescription/treatment may not be effective.

In other instances, particularly with the elderly, family members may want to be included in the consultation and instructions for care.

Traditional vs. Western Medicine

All Nevada tribal groups have specific beliefs, and customs. Persons within those groups may observe and practice those beliefs and customs to a varying degree. You may be well instructed if you inquire about subjects life stages such as Birth, Childrearing, Puberty, Marriage, Illness, Aging and Death.

Most persons who present themselves to the doctor really do hurt or are sick and have been so for awhile. Many people will try Indian medicine before seeking western medicine. The time factor may be critical. Certainly the mix of treatments is critical.

Please take the time to read Yomba 2000 in the appendix for a mini-immersion into the wealth of medicinal knowledge engendered in Indian Country.

Financing

All over the country, provision of affordable health care is a crisis. Historically, health care was incorporated into Treaties (solemn promises in perpetuity) or legislated by Congress (before unfunded mandates became a discussion).

As physical proximity has heightened and the American economy changed, some Indian people became employed within groups that provide benefits. Indian Health Service is an aggressive third party biller; tribal operations may also establish fee for service schedules. This however enjoys uneven acceptance throughout communities struggling to maintain their cultural perspective on the role of health and care of family members within their society. The value of bottom-line income and for-profit corporate management techniques of a multi-tiered health care industry is a modern day culture clash with tribal values and historic patterns.

Specific Diseases

Culture dysphoria

Loss, grief, anger.....some practitioners advance the theory that Indian people are still suffering from the ravages of war: Please read the reflections section.

Culture dysphoria may be a contributing factor to substance abuse, domestic violence and other negative behavior patterns.

Diabetes

Many Native Americans seem to have a genetic predisposition for diabetes. As a carbohydrate malfunction, this condition is aggravated by excessive alcohol consumption, and/or a firm commitment to diet of high starch and salt. A meal plan that ignores cultural factors is unlikely to be followed long term. Native diets, based on vegetables, small game and arachnid proteins, did not exacerbate the genetic predisposition. Encouraging a return to traditional diets, or cultivating gardens and small game may become part of the prescription on an individual as well as tribal level.

Hypertension

Another syndrome impacted by diet. Much of the propensity for taste of salt is rooted in food consumption patterns. Lack of refrigeration in early days caused high dependence on canned goods, then high in salt content. As snack foods developed, the amount of salts in these continued the pattern. Again, a meal plan that ignores cultural (traditional as well as evolved) is unlikely to be followed in the long term

Family gene pool

There are several strains of disease, noticeably arthritis and a hip displacement that seem to genetic. In other words, one can literally trace a family's relations around the state when these characteristics show up. DNA testing may prove to be an important weapon or tool in addressing some of these phenomena; however, DNA testing is a controversial issue within the Nevada Indian Country as it is being used by a State Agency to preclude return of some ancient remains. A provider should be sensitive to this issue, even when suggesting or requiring DNA testing for specific diagnosis or paternity as it is one of the "hottest" issues bubbling beneath the surface of the Nevada landscape.

Cancer

Indian life expectancy is now 72. Cause of death has changed dramatically to causes of invasive and often complex syndromes. Many cancers fit in this category.

Because most Indian people do not go to the doctor except as a last resort, many cancer-related conditions are not caught in early enough stages for successful treatment. Substantial numbers of patient education materials related to Cancer have been developed in Indian country and can be viewed in the appendix.

Tobacco Control

Tobacco has played a pivotal role in the evolution of the United States. For many tribes, tobacco use was an integral and sacred part of religious life. As tobacco use became pervasive throughout American life, use of tobacco became a daily, common practice.

In the 1970's many tribes ventured into the sale of tobacco products which were ideal for communities with little commercial/marketing expertise. Wildly successful, these ventures sparked "The Tobacco Wars" as well as a growth spurt for tribal economic development. (The casino booms are the 90's version.)

States attacked Tribes for selling cigarettes in a manner that did not allow the states to collect the taxes they assessed other vendors and distributors. Perceiving a major loss of revenue, States attacked the sovereignty and taxing authority(ies) of the Tribes which had been articulated in the Indian Reorganization Act.

Ironically, it was these unencumbered revenues that often provided the seed capital from which a tribe might develop and construct clinical facilities and support a variety of services such as recreation, police and tribal government.

Diseases of "the Past"

As previously mentioned, STD, Trachoma, tuberculosis and upper respiratory infection were the early focus of IHS. Many people think they have disappeared forever. Vigilance, therefore, is a health education issue.

Administration

At several clinics, the patient load has now become the patient overload. Waits for providers equates those in the non-Indian world which is appreciated in neither.

Clinic administration is a patient issue. The amount (or lack) of available resources impacts the choices a provider may make in developing a protocol of care for individual patients. It consistently impacts the availability of consulting physicians and any services on the itinerant circuit.

As previously mentioned, contract care is often inconsistent, thereby impacting elective and/or preventative procedures which, left unattended, often become crisis situations which adversely affect not only the patient, but budgets.

Whether by default or design, tribe competing against tribe for available dollars often reverberates back to the patient as a political issue or simply the result of resource allocation. If a service or a particular personality is available at one site, but not another, there may be a noticeable migration of patients.

Politics on each reservation are never dull. Depending on the organizational structure and the personalities involved, clinic administration is seldom in a pure vacuum. Local politics may enter the workplace. Subordinate staff may in fact be part of the governing body. There is always the dynamic of family relationships, intensified by dual roles of patients and providers.

Eligibility

One of the basic tenants of "638", self-governance, and compacting is that Tribes are to be able to develop programs that fit the needs of their population. Theoretically, Tribes are free to determine who is a member of their population.

For planning purposes, however, other entities such as the Indian Health Service, have adopted parameters of membership. Loosely, most Indian people of 1/4 Indian blood from a federally recognized tribe are eligible for federal government services. This is the measurement many agencies utilize to create their service base.

A clinic run directly by Indian Health Service (IHS) is therefore bound by such criteria from which to develop a budget. A tribally run facility is not. Thus a tribe might include a non-IHS population in their business plan, but not reimbursed (or supported) by IHS for services provided the ineligible.

In the earlier years of self-determination, the phrase "on or near" came to the fore. Migration and other patterns that had evolved in Nevada meant that many Nevada Indians no longer resided on the reservation of their grandparents. But because social patterns were and are such that everyone is in contact with everyone else, it made medical/epidemiological sense to declare all of Nevada as "Indian Country", so that the majority of the target population could be treated. As a result, tribal clinics have also defined service areas which exceed reservation boundaries.

In general, the following categories of people are recognized as those presenting themselves at tribal clinics for service.

Given the changing climate for basic budgets as well as specific projects, eligibility of each group may vary throughout a fiscal year and with individual tribal policy.

Nevada Indian	-	on reservation
Nevada Indian	-	off reservation
Indian descent	-	on reservation
Indian descent	-	off reservation
Non Indian	-	reservation resident
Non Indian	-	married to Nevada tribal member
Non Indian	-	tribal employee

This can be a very disconcerting issue for patients as their eligibility may vary throughout a fiscal year or with governing board whims. Eligibility severely impacts continuum of care and may place a provider in a professionally compromising environment.

Cancer Education/Resource Materials

Cancer Prevention and Control Program

Indian Health Service - Headquarters West

5300 Homestead Road, NE

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

Phone: (505) 248-4132

FAX: (505) 248-4393

Breast & Cervical Cancer Education Materials:

Pamphlet, Leaflet/Posters:

"A Healthy Body & Spirit Lives On With Early Detection of Cervical Cancer"

Producer: American Cancer Society - Colorado Division, P.O. Box 5034, Durango, CO 81301

Format: 3-3/4" X 8-1/2" leaflet

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Lists risk factors of cervical cancer and encourages women to get a yearly pap exam.

"Be in Harmony With Your Body With Good Breast Care"

Producer: American Cancer Society - Colorado Division, P.O. Box 5034, Durango, CO 81301

Format: 3-3/4" X 8-1/2" leaflet

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Describes Breast Self Exam, Clinical Breast Exam, and Mammograms as ways of preventing breast cancer.

"We Are the Circle of Life: Pass on the Gift of Life - Your Pap Test"

Producer: Native American Women and Wellness Project, 245 E. 6th Street, Suite 499, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Phone: (612) 293-0233.

Format: 8-1/2" X 6-1/2" pamphlet (12 pages)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Describes pap test and why it is important in preventing cervical cancer.

"We Are the Circle of Life: Pass on the Gift of Life - Your Pap Test Results"

Producer: Native American Women and Wellness Project, 245 E. 6th Street, Suite 499, St. Paul, MN 55101.
Phone: (612) 293-0233.

Format: 8-1/2" X 5-1/2" pamphlet (16 pages)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Describes pap smear results including normal infection, dysplasia, and cancer diagnoses. Also talks about repeat pap exams, colposcopy, biopsy and why they are important.

"About the Pap Smear and Cervical Cancer"

Producer: Native American Cervical Cancer Prevention Project, Phone: (919) 748-6134 or the Cancer Information Service, Phone: 1-800-4CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

Format: 5-5/8" X 12" leaflet (6 pages)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Talks about the pap smear, its results, and the types of treatment available for cervical cancer.

"The Pap Test: A Healthy Habit for Life"

Producer: American Cancer Society/Alaska Division, Inc., 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, AK 99503.
Phone: (907) 277-8898

Format: 7-1/2" X 7" pamphlet (8 pages)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Describes Pap test importance, the risks of cervical cancer, and follow-up to the test.

"Breast Cancer Screening: A Health Habit for Life"

Producer: American Cancer Society/Alaska Division, Inc., 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, AK 99503.
Phone: (907) 277-8898

Format: 6" X 9" Pamphlet (8 pages)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Describes the importance of breast cancer screening and other aspects.

"Pathways to Health: A Breast Cancer Prevention and Education Project for American Indian Women: American Indian Woman's Breast Cancer Guide:

Producer: CAIRE (Ctr for Am. Indian Research & Educ., 1918 University Ave., Ste 2-A, Berkeley, CA 94704-1501
Phone: (510) 843-8661 FAX: (510) 843-8611 E-Mail: CAIREbark@aol.com

Format: Booklet

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Designed for the American Indian woman at risk for breast cancer, the guide provides information on breast cancer risk and treatment, patient-physician relationship, patient rights, the Indian Health Service, and breast cancer information resources.

"Pathways to Health: American Indian Women's Breast Cancer Resource Guide"

Producer: CAIRE (Cntr for Am. Indian Research & Educ., 1918 University Ave., Ste 2-A, Berkeley, CA 94704-1501
Phone: (510) 843-8661 FAX: (510) 843-8611 E-Mail: CAIREberk@aol.com
Format: Booklet
Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women
Content Description: This booklet lists breast cancer resources by county in the state of California.

"Physicians' Breast Cancer Guide"

Producer: CAIRE (Cntr for Am. Indian Research & Educ., 1918 University Ave., Ste 2-A, Berkeley, CA 94704-1501
Phone: (510) 843-8661 FAX: (510) 843-8611 E-Mail: CAIREberk@aol.com
Format: Booklet
Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women
Content Description: This guide, developed for health care providers, gives information on the cultural barriers (communication, health care beliefs, etc.), socioeconomic barriers and risk factors associated with breast cancer among American Indians.

"Physicians' Breast Cancer Treatment Guide"

Producer: CAIRE (Cntr for Am. Indian Research & Educ., 1918 University Ave., Ste 2-A, Berkeley, CA 94704-1501
Phone: (510) 843-8661 FAX: (510) 843-8611 E-Mail: CAIREberk@aol.com
Format: Booklet
Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women
Content Description: Provides information on women at risk for breast cancer, screening, signs, and symptoms, clinic evaluation, diagnosis, treatment by stage/type, reconstruction and follow-up.

Videos:

"The Birthday Girl"

Producer: American Cancer Society/Alaska Division, Inc., 1057 West Firwood Lane, Anchorage, AK 99503.
Phone: (907) 277-8898
Format: Video (12:20 minutes)
Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women
Content Description: Alaska Native women describe the importance of the Pap test and using your birthdate as a reminder to set up an appointment for a yearly Pap test.

"The Gift of Health: A Woman's Path to Wellness - Three Steps to Breast Health"

Producer: American Cancer Society/Alaska Division, Inc., 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, AK 99503.
Phone: (907) 277-8696

Format: Video (14:24 minutes)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Shows the importance of breast cancer screening.

"Stories of My Sisters"

Producer: American Cancer Society/Alaska Division, Inc., 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, AK 99503.
Phone: (907) 277-8696

Format: Video (49:00 minutes)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Eight Alaska Native breast cancer survivors share their stories. These women range in age from 34 to 85.

"Circle of Life"

Producer: American Cancer Society - Oklahoma Affiliate

Format: Video (13:08 minutes)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Am. Indian women from OK discuss the importance of Breast Self Exam and breast cancer.

"Continuing the Path: Follow-up to a Pap Test"

Producer: Minnesota Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, Minneapolis Indian Health Board, American Indian Health Care Association, and the Minnesota Division of the American Cancer Society.

Format: Video (12:00 minutes)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: Encourages Native American women to return for follow-up care after an abnormal pap test.

"Taking Control of Your Health: The Pap Test and Cervical Cancer"

Producer: National Cancer Institute and the Nebraska Dept of Health

Format: Video (8:00 minutes)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women

Content Description: An Inter-Tribal video on the early detection of cervical cancer in American Indian women.

"Art of Wellness"

Producer: IHS - HQWest, 5300 Homestead Road, NE, Albuquerque, NM 97110. Phone: (505) 837-4132 Produced in conjunction with the Zuni Service Unit - IHS and Ms. Julie Diette.
Format: Video (12:00 - 15:00 minutes)

Target Audience: Health care providers/educators working with American Indian and Alaska Native women.
Content Description: An Inter-Tribal video showing the concept of educating the public on health topics through an art such as the making of pottery.

"Native American Breast Cancer Survivors' Stories -- Prognosis and Diagnosis"

Producer: AMC Native American Research Consortium, 1800 Pierce Street, Denver, CO 80214
Format: Video (22:30 minutes)

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women.
Content Description: Breast cancer survivors' stories.

"Pathways to Health: An American Indian Women's Breast Cancer Video"

Producer: CAIRE (Ctr for Am. Indian Research & Educ., 1918 University Ave., Ste 2-A, Berkeley, CA 94704-1501
Phone: (510) 843-8661 FAX: (510) 843-8611 E-Mail: CAIREberk@aol.com
Format: Video

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women
Content Description: A culturally-sensitive video for American Indian women which covers breast cancer screening, obtaining a second opinion and communicating with the physician.

"Pathways to Health: A Physician's Video Guide on American Indian Women and Breast Cancer"

Producer: CAIRE (Ctr for Am. Indian Research & Educ., 1918 University Ave., Ste 2-A, Berkeley, CA 94704-1501
Phone: (510) 843-8661 FAX: (510) 843-8611 E-Mail: CAIREberk@aol.com
Format: Video

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women
Content Description: A video for physicians who have American Indian patients. The video discusses barriers and cultural issues physicians need to be aware of when they are treating American Indian women who have breast cancer concerns.

"American Indian Woman's Talking Circle: Cervical Cancer Project"

Producer: CAIRE (Ctr for Am. Indian Research & Educ., 1918 University Ave., Ste 2-A, Berkeley, CA 94704-1501
Phone: (510) 843-8661 FAX: (510) 843-8611 E-Mail: CAIREberk@aol.com
Format: Video

Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native women
Content Description: Describes need for cervical cancer screening with emphasis on the importance of a yearly Pap smear.

Tobacco Control materials:

Pamphlets, Leaflets/Posters:

"What you should know about Smoking and Cancer"

Producer: IHS - HQWest, 5300 Homestead Road, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Phone: (505) 248-4132. Produced in conjunction with the Office of Smoking & Health - CDC and the Channing L. Bete Co., Inc.
Format: 5-1/2" X 8" pamphlet (16 pages)
Target Audience: American Indians and Alaska Natives
Content Description: Describes the abuse of cigarette smoking, cancer and offers some tips on quitting.

"What everyone should know about Spit Tobacco"

Producer: IHS - HQWest, 5300 Homestead Road, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Phone: (505) 248-4132. Produced in conjunction with the Office of Smoking & Health - CDC and the Channing L. Bete Co., Inc.
Format: 5-1/2" X 8" pamphlet (18 pages)
Target Audience: American Indians and Alaska Natives
Content Description: Describes the abuse of spit tobacco, cancer and offers some tips on quitting.

"What parents should know about Teens and Smoking"

Producer: IHS - HQWest, 5300 Homestead Road, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Phone: (505) 248-4132. Produced in conjunction with the Office of Smoking & Health - CDC and the Channing L. Bete Co., Inc.
Format: 5-1/2" X 8" pamphlet (16 pages)
Target Audience: American Indians and Alaska Natives
Content Description: Describes the abuse of cigarette smoking by teenagers, cancer and offers some tips on quitting.

"Be a Drug-Free Family"

Producer: IHS - HQWest, 5300 Homestead Road, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Phone: (505) 248-4132. Produced in conjunction with the Office of Smoking & Health - CDC and the Channing L. Bete Co., Inc.
Format: 8-1/2" X 11" calendar (28 pages)
Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native children and parents/guardians
Content Description: Coloring calendar depicting Native Americans. Gives tips and suggestions for "Healthy Living".

"It's Your Life--It's Our Future" Stop Smoking Guide

Producer: American Indian Cancer Control Project. Phone: (510) 843-8661
Format: 8-1/2" X 9-1/2" Booklet (32 pages)
Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native adults
Content Description: Describes planning to quit, quitting, and staying free from cigarette smoking.

"Abuse of Tobacco" Posters

Producer: IHS - HCWWest, 5300 Homestead Road, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, Phone: (505) 248-4132.
Format: 14-1/2" X 24" Posters (8 different drawings)
Target Audience: American Indians and Alaska Natives
Content Description: Eight different American Indian artists depict their view on the "Abuse of Tobacco" message.

"Tribal Tobacco Policy Project"

Producer: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Phone: (503) 228-4185.
Format: Workbook
Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native communities.
Content Description: Workbook provides direction for adoption of local smoking policies.

Videos:

"Tobacco...A Gift of Choice"

Producer: California Rural Indian Health Board, 650 Howe Avenue, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95835.
Phone: (918) 929-9781.
Format: Video (18:00 minutes)
Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native children
Content Description: Describes the dangers of abusing tobacco in a rap music setting.

"It's Your Life"

Producer: American Indian Cancer Control Project, Phone: (510) 843-8661
Format: Video (minutes)
Target Audience: American Indian and Alaska Native adults
Content Description: Native American ex-smokers talk about their reasons for quitting cigarette smoking.

General Cancer Education Materials:

"Standing Strong Against the Cancer Enemy"

Producer: Saint Vincent Hospital and Health Center, Audio Visual Department, P.O. Box 35200, Billings, MT 59107.
Phone: (406) 657-7000.
Format: Video (30 minutes)
Target Audience: American Indians and Alaska Natives
Content Description: Puppets stress "healthy lifestyle" choices as ways of preventing cancer.

New Search**Denver Indian Health and Family Services Diabetes Education****(Program)**

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BLOOD-GLUCOSE, CULTURAL-INFLUENCES, DIABETES-EDUCATION-PROGRAMS, DIABETES-MELLITUS, DIET, ETHNIC-GROUPS, EXERCISE, HOME-CARE, MEDICATION-TEACHING, MINORITY-GROUPS, NATIVE-AMERICANS, PHYSICAL-ACTIVITY, REFERRAL-SERVICES, RESOURCE-MATERIALS, SCREENING, WEIGHT-CONTROL, WORKSHOPS

Language(s): English**Cost:** No**Date Record Revised:** July 1996**Abstract:**

The Denver Indian Health and Family Services Diabetes Education program provides a culturally appropriate educational experience for Native American adults with diabetes. The program includes a 3-week modified Indian Health Service course, limited screening, and referrals. Through the Diabetes Education program, participants learn about diabetes risk factors, high and low blood glucose levels, diet, exercise, weight control, medications, complications, psychosocial effects, and medical visits. Special topics include managing diabetes around feasts, fasts, sweats, and pow wows. The program is currently developing a home study course for homebound clients.

New Search**Native American Breast Cancer Survivor Support****(Program)**

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County(s): Jefferson

Key Words:

BREAST-CANCER, CANCER-EDUCATION-PROGRAMS, CALIFORNIA, CULTURAL-INFLUENCES, ETHNIC-GROUPS, MINORITY-GROUPS, NATIVE-AMERICANS, NONPROFIT-ORGANIZATIONS, PSYCHOLOGICAL-FACTORS, RESEARCH, SOCIAL-SUPPORT, SUPPORT-GROUPS

Language(s): English

Cost: No

Date Record Revised: September 1997

Abstract:

The Native American Breast Cancer Survivor project is part of the Native American Program of Excellence at the AMC Cancer Research Center, in Colorado. It is a pilot project to develop and implement culturally appropriate psycho-social breast cancer support programs and resources in the Denver and Los Angeles metropolitan areas. The materials are useful for breast cancer education, Native American cancer support groups, cancer research interventions, and a cancer survivors' network.

New Search

Genetic Testing: Helping Native Americans Make Informed Decisions

(Brochure)

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County(s): Jefferson

Key Words:

CANCER, CANCER-DETECTION, CANCER-EDUCATION, CULTURAL-INFLUENCES,
ETHNIC-GROUPS, FOCUS-GROUPS, GENETIC-SCREENING, MINORITY-GROUPS,
NATIVE-AMERICANS, NONPROFIT-ORGANIZATIONS, RESOURCE-MATERIALS

Language(s): English

Cost: Yes

Publication Date: 1997

Date Record Revised: September 1997

Abstract:

Genetic Testing: Helping Native Americans Make Informed Decisions, is a series of brochures published by the Native American Program of Excellence, located at the AMC Cancer Research Center, in Colorado. This brochure is designed to provide educational information to help Native Americans make informed decisions regarding genetic testing and cancer.

They were designed based on the results of focus groups and from recommendations by an external scientific panel, to determine what Native peoples need to know about and cultural issues surrounding genetic testing and cancer.

New Search**Native American Program of Excellence****(Program)**

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County(s): Jefferson

Key Words:

ADOLESCENTS, BREAST-CANCER, CANCER, CANCER-DETECTION, CANCER-EDUCATION-PROGRAMS, CONFERENCES, CONTINUING-EDUCATION, CULTURAL-INFLUENCES, ETHNIC-GROUPS, FEMALES, GENETIC-SCREENING, MINORITY-GROUPS, NATIVE-AMERICANS, NONPROFIT-ORGANIZATIONS, PRIMARY-PREVENTION, PUBLIC-AWARENESS, RESEARCH-PROGRAMS, RESOURCE-MATERIALS, VIDEOTAPES, WELLNESS

Language(s): English

Cost: No

Date Record Revised: September 1997

Abstract:

The purpose of the Native American Program of Excellence, located at AMC Cancer Research Center, in Colorado, is to develop and implement culturally relevant and acceptable cancer prevention and control research projects within Native American communities.

Current projects include 1) Native Women's Wellness through Awareness; 2) Native American Cancer Survivor's Stories on Video; 3) Native Americans and Genetic Testing; 4) Native American Breast Cancer Survivor Support; 5) Native American Adolescent Cancer Prevention and Control Education; and 6) Native American Breast Cancer Network.

In addition the program sponsors conferences and continuing education and makes available other print and video resources. A complete listing of resources is available on the AMC Web site.

[New Search](#)**Keyword NATIVE-AMERICANS**[DARE to be You](#)[Data Analysis and Evaluation](#)[Denver Indian Health and Family Services Diabetes Education](#)[Genetic Testing: Helping Native Americans Make Informed Decisions](#)[Harmony Weekend](#)[Native American Adolescent Cancer Prevention and Control Education](#)[Native American Breast Cancer Survivor Support](#)[Native American Cancer Survival from Cancer Video Series](#)[Native American Program of Excellence](#)[Native American Seatbelt Use Brochure](#)[Native American Seatbelt Use Poster](#)[Native Women's Wellness Through Awareness](#)[Southern Ute Community Action \(SUCAP\) Health and Safety Program](#)[Substance Abuse Indicators Among Native Americans in Colorado](#)

Office of Minority Health Resource Center Database Record

When available, information on where these materials may be obtained has been listed below under the heading "Availability."

Diabetes and the American Indian: A Review of Current Treatment Strategies (Report).

Availability: Available from the Publications Department, Native American Research and Training Center, 1642 East Helen St, Tucson, AZ, 85719. 602-621-5075. \$5.00 per copy.

Format: Document: Report

Audience: Health Professionals

Year of Publication: 1987.

Abstract: This report surveys the current literature about Non- Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus (NIDDM), with particular emphasis on the impact of the disease on the Native American population. The review is divided into three major areas: incidence, mortality, and morbidity; etiology and treatment; and summary and recommendations. The final section includes suggestions for innovative research projects that may be of relevance to the Native American community. (REFERENCES-108).

OMH-RC Database Accession Number: M1188100762.

Descriptors: NATIVE AMERICANS; AMERICAN INDIANS; DIABETES; MORTALITY; MORBIDITY

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